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Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 11:07 AM
To: HarborComments
Subject: Please help Portlands River!

Dear Administrator Gina McCarthy,

Portland is a beautiful place to live. I was born and raised here. As a community, we love our forests, rivers, and rich biodiversity. But if we want a truly sustainable community, we need to commit to providing real solutions to real problems...problems like the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. The EPA's draft cleanup plan relies heavily on monitored natural recovery, leaving 85% of the lead, PCBs, DDT, mercury, arsenic and other contaminants in the Superfund area. The EPA must do better. The polluters should pay to clean up the mess they made. It's up to government and the public to hold polluters accountable.

Please significantly revise the plan in the following ways:

1. EPA should select Alternative G with additional dredging in areas of high human use, areas of high ecological value, and areas where there is high risk of recontamination of the river.
2. EPA should set much clearer timelines and metrics for success including setting an explicit date by which Portland Harbor specific fish consumption advisories will be lifted.
3. EPA should select an alternative that allows all members of our community to eat fish safely from our river, including woman of childbearing age and children.
4. EPA's cleanup plan should include the heavily contaminated uplands as well as the heavily contaminated river.
5. EPA should do a much better job of addressing environmental justice issues, including reviewing and correcting significant deficiencies in its public engagement strategies for future phases of the Superfund process and delineating strategies for ensuring the jobs, economic benefits and other benefits associated with the Superfund process to the local community and particularly to underserved communities that have been impacted by contamination in Portland Harbor.
6. EPA should eliminate the confined disposal facility which would create a permanent toxic waste dump in our river.

So many people are moving here now-we need to think ahead to protect this special place.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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